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25 Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This amendment and response are filed in response to the final Office Action, mailed 30 on March 22, 2002, in the above-identified application. Applicants request the Examiner to enter the amendment and to reconsider the rejection of the pending claims in view of the amendment and remarks.

In the claims:

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Please amend claims 1, 10, 13, 21 and 23, as follows:

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1. (amended) A method to improve skin firmness comprising topically applying to affected skin areas a composition comprising:
  - 40 (a) an effective amount of an acid salt formed from a compound selected from the group consisting of dimethylaminoethanol, trimethylaminoethanol,

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